

HOUSE RESOLUTION 163
By Turner (Ham)

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Robert McKamey for
meritorious service in the automobile business
for forty years.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body honor those people who through
their exemplary endeavors are credits to their state; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding person is Robert McKamey, a Lexus and Toyota
dealer in Chattanooga, Tennessee and a board member of the American International
Automobile Dealers Association (AIADA) for 24 productive years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McKamey has been awarded the David H. Gezon Lifetime Achievement
Award by the AIADA, a trade association representing the nation's 10,000 small businesses and
their employees, and for his commendable service in the industry's legislative and public affairs;
and

WHEREAS, the award, named after the founder of the AIADA, is given every year to
those select individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the advancement of the
international automobile industry; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McKamey has been an active member of the Toyota National Dealer
Council for over 20 years, having served as chairman four times.

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WHEREAS, he is widely respected and known as the driving force behind the push to establish Toyota's finance company in the 1970s; and

WHEREAS, his political ties include serving on the campaign and finance committees for Senator Jim Sasser and then Senator Al Gore and now Vice President. McKamey has a expertly chaired AIADA's Government Relations Committee several times and helped found the successful Americans For Free International Trade; and

WHEREAS, he was instrumental in the negotiations between the United States and Japan during the sanctions crisis that led to the resolution of the crisis that could have imposed 100% tariffs on Japanese luxury cars sold in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McKamey, an automobile salesman all his adult life, started college in 1954; he briefly held a Triumph franchise until being awarded the first Toyota franchise in Tennessee and became the partner of Capital Toyota in 1966; then in 1984 he became the sole owner of Capital Toyota; he then was awarded his second franchise in 1987 and a Lexus franchise in 1992; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his work with the Lexus and Toyota dealership in Chattanooga, Mr. McKamey still finds time to sponsor numerous local sports teams, charities, and community events; and

WHEREAS, Robert McKamey exemplifies the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in their deliberations to honor and commend Robert McKamey for his business success and charitable contributions to the state of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor and commend Robert McKamey for his service to the state of Tennessee and wish him every continued success in future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.